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SUBJECT: IREX JOAN HOLMES

1.DR. JOAN HOLMES HAS JUST BROUGHT IN FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 21 FROM GROTELUESCHEN OF HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY: QUOTE THE MINISTRY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE GDR HAS INFORMED US THAT AS OF JULY 1, 1977 YOU ARE AGAIN AN OFFICIAL IREX-GRANTEE IN THE GDR. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR YOU TO CHANGE MONEY AT THE STATE BANK OF THE GDR. I SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOU TO COME SOON TO THE DIRECTORATE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS. END QUOTE.

2. HOLMES DID DISCUSS WITH GROTELUESCHSN WHO CONFIRMED THAT AS OF JULY 1 SHE CONSIDERED IREX SCHOLAR WHOSE REMAINING FIVE MONTHS IN GDR TO COME OUT OF IREX AGREEMENT. GROTELUESCHEN ASKED HOLMES AGREE BUT SHE REFUSED ON GROUNDS ONLY IREX DIRECTORATE AUTHORIZED MAKE SUCH DECISIONS. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE JUNE 28 FOLLOWING WHICH HOLMES IMMEDIATELY PHONED PAO.

3. POSSIBLY STILL RANKLING OVER REVERSAL IN EARLIER HOLMES AFFAIR, MINISTRY NOW ATTEMPTING SET OWN CONDITIONS

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FOR HER CONTINUED STAY, AT SAME TIME EXPLOITING ADDITIONAL MAN/MONTHS OF NEW IREX AGREEMENT. EMBASSY EXPECTS IREX WILL MOST CERTAINLY WISH RESIST THIS MOVE, AND RECOMMENDS IREX CABLE MINHIGHED DIRECTLY TAKING FIRM STAND PARALLELING ITS POSITION ON LIPSMAN. GDR APPEARS UNWILLING ACKNOWLEDGE SPIRIT OF PARA 21 NEW AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH BOTH CASES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

ACCEPTABLE FORMUAL AS DEFINED BY MFA'S BETTING TO PAO
SEEMS TO BE THAT SUCH CASES SHOULD UTILIZE MAN/MONTHS
IN CURRENT AGREEMENT AND IF 40 MMS USED UP AT END OF
AGREEMENT YEAR, GDR AMENABLE TO ADDITIONAL MONTHS
BEYOND AGREEMENT. EMBASSY FORESEES PROBLEMS IN THIS
ARRANGEMENT.

4. MEANWHILE, IN HOLMES DISCUSSION WITH
HENSCHELVERLAG PUBLISHER, IMPLICAIONS MADE FOR FIRST
TIME THAT HER PROJECT MAY NOT BE COMPLETED, THAT IS,
THE TWO DRAMA ANTHOLOGIES MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED. PAO
INTENDS RASIE MATTER WITH PUBLISHER AND WILL REPORT
FURTHER.
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